

Round-table meeting

Crisis Response and State Fragility: Lessons from France's Engagement



Thursday 24 April 2014, 14h to 17h45
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13 :45 – 14 :00	Registration
14 :00 – 14:10	<p>Welcoming remarks Pr. Aurélien Colson, Director of ESSEC IRENE Ms. Catherine Woollard, Executive Director of EPLO</p> <p>Opening remarks Mr. Pascal Cherki, Member of Parliament, 11th district of Paris</p>
14:10 – 15:30	<p>The French approach to crisis response</p> <p>The proliferation of « failed states » since the early 1990s and the increase of intra-state violence has become a serious threat to European security. To address these situations of instability, France and its European neighbours have developed civilian and military crisis management tools.</p> <p>Questions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → What solutions can France offer in crisis situations? → What are the priorities of this approach? How does France determine the terms of its response to a violent or unstable situation outside its borders? → What mechanisms and multilateral platforms can support its action? How can it coordinate its action with that of the European Union and other EU Member states? → Did the recent operations undertaken by France influence the French and European approaches? <p>Chair: Linda Benraïs, Project director, ESSEC IRENE</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didier Le Bret, Director of Centre de Criseq French Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Thierry Tardy, Senior analyst, EUISS • Catherine Woollard, Executive director, EPLO <p>Followed by an open debate.</p>
15 :30 – 16 :00	Coffee break

16 :00 - 17 :30	<p>Fragile states and development strategies: lessons from the French intervention</p> <p>France is among the largest development aid donor in the EU. The European approach to development officially takes into account issues such as governance and security, as well as sustainable development in a context of fragility, violence and armed conflicts. This session aims at assessing the impact and identifying the lessons of the French engagement in a context of state fragility, while considering this involvement in light of the current budgetary restrictions and the discussions regarding the post-2015 development agenda of the United Nations.</p> <p>Questions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → What has been the impact of the French engagement with fragile states over the past decade? → What are the lessons to be learned from these development policies? How can they feed into and reinforce the action of the European Union? <p>Chair: Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Director, Search for Common Ground (Brussels Headquarters)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Trouyet, Deputy Director for democratic governance, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Denisa Ionete, Head of Fragility and Crisis Management Unit, European Commission • Nicolas Vercken, Conflicts & Humanitarian advocacy officer, Oxfam France <p>Followed by an open debate.</p>
17:30 – 17:45	<p>Conclusions - Joseph Maïlla, Programme Director, ESSEC IRENE</p>

This meeting is part of EPLO's EU Member State Advocacy. The purpose of this work is to mobilise support for EU peacebuilding in the EU's Member States given that they remain key decision-makers in EU policy. The work was piloted under the Civil Society Dialogue Network, which is a three-year project co-funded by the European Union (Instrument for Stability) aimed at facilitating dialogue on peacebuilding issues between civil society and EU policymakers. For more information, please visit the [EPLO website](#).



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